



September 17, 2019

Item No. 4

RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING INITIATIVE AND ADOPT THE SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to 1) execute an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Regional Housing Initiative (RHI); 2) adopt the RHI Supplemental Administrative Plan; and 3) execute all other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

The Regional Housing Initiative is a consortium of 10 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) working to identify and create affordable housing opportunities for low-income families. CHA has been a member of RHI since its inception in 2002 and has joined with the other PHAs to create a pool of vouchers that are project-based to the benefit of households in the 10-county region.

In 2002, CHA approved an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) that established RHI to promote a more equitable distribution of affordable housing opportunities and that encouraged development, rehabilitation, and preservation of quality rental housing throughout the Chicago Metropolitan region.

The parties to the original IGA intend to restate the original commitment to the regional initiative by entering into an updated Inter-Governmental Agreement that establishes RHI protocols. An RHI Supplemental Administrative Plan shall be added as an addendum to establish policies for the administration of the project based vouchers under the Regional Housing Initiative program.

Background

The Regional Housing Initiative was started in 2002 and garnered the attention of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. RHI promotes attractive mixed-income, well-managed housing developments that meet community and regional needs with particular focus on locations near jobs and public transit. HUD awarded RHI a \$1 million pilot grant in 2012 to evaluate strategies for mobility moves and to develop a regional housing waiting list from participating PHA wait lists. CHA agreed to pool a total of 350 of its vouchers with other participating PHAs to support the creation of 778 units of newly created project-based units.

Today, 597 new RHI units have been delivered with RHI pooled vouchers, including 234 new units created from CHA's investment.

CHA partners with the following participating Public Housing Authorities:

- DuPage Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of Cook County
- Housing Authority of Park Forest
- Housing Authority of Joliet
- Kendall Housing Authority
- Lake County Housing Authority
- McHenry County Housing Authority
- Oak Park Housing Authority
- Waukegan Housing Authority

CHA's participation in the Regional Housing Initiative supports HUD's goal to expand housing options for low-income families and increase the number of units available to families that choose to relocate to areas of opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-CHA-

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board letter dated September 17, 2019 entitled "Recommendation to execute an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Regional Housing Initiative and adopt the Supplemental Administrative Plan."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to 1) execute an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Regional Housing Initiative; 2) adopt the Supplemental Administrative Plan; and 3) execute all other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

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